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TAGS: ELEC, VE

SUBJECT: MARITIME NAVIGATION SYSTEM

REF: STATE 030424

1. CONTACT IN MERCHANT MARINE DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HA INFORMED POST THAT DECCA NAVIGATOR AGENT IN CARACAS IS COUNTERING INFORMATION REGARDING LORAN-C AS SUPPLIED BY COAST GUARD THROUGH POST WITH THE FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS:

2. LORAN-C BASE LINE TOO LARGE, NORMALLY 600 KILOMETERS;  
LORAN-C NOT AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY BUT ONLY THROUGH USG;  
LORAN-C STATIONS MUST BE INSTALLED BY U.S. MILITARY AND MUST BE STAFFED BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL; SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER LORAN-C STATIONS BUT ARE AT THE MERCY OF WASHINGTON; LORAN-C WILL BE OUTDATED ONCE SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MARITIME NAVIGATIONAL SATELLITES ARE  
UP, WHICH HOWEVER DO NOT  
PROVIDE PRECISION NAVIGATION FIXES DUE TO 90-MINUTE INTERVAL OF RECEIVING INSTANT; THUS, DECCA STILL NECESSARY FOR PRECISION NAVIGATION IN TIGHT AREAS; LYBIA HAS SILENCED LORAN-C AND MEDITERRANEAN COVERAGE NO LONGER COMPLETE.

3 POST MUST HAVE COUNTERARGUMENTS SOON IN ORDER TO FURTHER INTEREST GOV IN LORAN-C. DIRECTORATE OF MERCHANT MARINE NOW HAS FUNDS FOR STUD WHICH APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT INTEREST IN NO  
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